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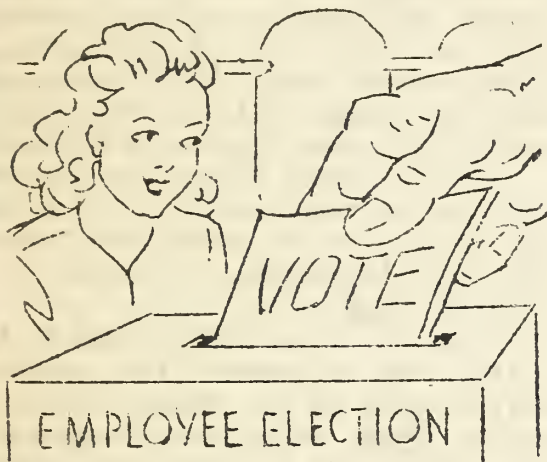
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ELECTION!

Efficiency ratings are important factors in our careers as Government employees. A selection for grade promotion or separation in a reduction in force is based in part on efficiency ratings. They determine how high our salaries can rise in our present grade or whether we should be reduced in grade or separated for inefficiency.

Since efficiency ratings are so very important it is necessary that they be accurate reflections of our work performance. An inaccurate rating is unfair to both the employee and the Department. To correct inaccurate ratings an appeal procedure has been established. The (con't on p. 4)

CAR-POOLING AWARD

Congratulations to all members of car pools. Your fine cooperation has earned for the Department a citation from O.P.A. With an average of 4.1 persons per car we were among the 28 Washington agencies, out of a total of 300, who were awarded certificates. You are making a great contribution to the war effort by sharing private transportation facilities. Let us continue to merit this award by increasing the number of passengers per car. On page four is a long list of people who need rides. If you can help, won't you call them?

GALLON DONORS

Did you know that all Agriculture employees who have given a gallon or more of blood will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Secretary or the War Food Administrator? Congratulations to the more than 300 eligibles! If you are a gallon donor be sure your keyman knows it in order that you may receive your certificate.

Donations by Agriculture employees dropped from a weekly average of 90 on February 3 to 55 on May 26. Each of us can do something to raise that average. Blood donations, especially type "O", are urgently needed in the Pacific. Give your blood that they may live.

## PICNIC TIME

The picnic season has arrived. There are many delightful picnic areas in Rock Creek and other parks in Washington. They are equipped with fireplaces, tables, benches, drinking water, playground equipment, space for sports. The areas are free but permits must be obtained by applying in person or in writing to Miss Mayfield, D. C. Recreation Ofc., 3149-16th St., N. W. If applying in writing give: "Name of Organization, approx. no. in party, park and grove no. desired, time of arrival and departure, name, address and telephone. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Location of areas may be obtained from your contact officer or from Miss Mayfield, Ad. 2050.  
WATERGATE CONCERTS

The Watergate Season is practically here. The gala opening is June 17. Single or season tickets may be obtained at the Nat'l. Symphony Box Office, 1330 G St., N. W. See summer schedule on bulletins.  
HOUSING

If you have a spare room you've been saving because Aunt Nellie said she'd visit you "sometime", please write Aunt Nellie to come when the war is over. Then register that spare room with us. There are folks in the Dept. who need a place to live. You may register available housing facilities with your contact officer or with PR&S, ext. 3105.

## "BUDDY" POPPY SALE

After seeing the entire Dept. burst into a bloom of bright, red "Buddy" poppies, last week, there's hardly any need to say how successful the drive was in Agriculture. Miss Gertrude Rest, P&O, announces that the Poppy Sale in the Dept. netted the admirable sum of \$632.07.

Many thanks to the collectors who gave so much time and effort to the success of the drive, and thanks again to all you poppy wearers.

## OVERSEAS STAR

We have been very fortunate in being able to secure for you the large supply of the overseas edition of the Star which you requested. Your copies are reserved and may be obtained from your contact officer. It is requested that all copies be used or turned back to your contact officer for redistribution to individuals at the Information Desk in the Patio. We regret that further requests for reservations cannot be filled.

## NATIONAL REHABILITATION WEEK

President Truman has declared this to be National Rehabilitation Week dedicated to aiding disabled persons to become self-supporting. The D. C. Rehabilitation Service is organized to aid all handicapped D.C. residents. Vol. II, No. 14 of the Bulletin, dated Feb. 21, 1945, carried an article on this Service. Further information can be obtained from your contact officer.

## BOWLING CHAMPS

The Agriculture Team in the Ladies Federal Bowling League won the Championship this season for the sixth time since the League was organized in 1927.

The League is composed of ten teams from various Gov't. agencies. Agriculture team members were:

Mary Bryant, OI; Gloria Joerns, FS; Ruth Ann Morgan, OMS; Alice McQuinn, FS; Elsie Knoll, FS. Opal Doxon, OI, finished for Mrs. Knoll.

## CAPITAL STEPS CONCERTS

Washington has many delightful and unique forms of recreation in the summertime. Among these are the Capital Steps Concerts. On Monday evenings at 7 the Navy Band entertains and on Wednesdays at 7 the Marine Band holds forth. Everyone is invited. The concerts are free.

## EAST AND WEST

On Wednesday, June 13, at 8:15 p.m., the East and West Asso. will present the "Service Man Looks East and West" at the Sylvan Theatre. On the program will be GI's who have served all over the world; Pearl Buck, author and lecturer; Helen G. Douglas, Congresswoman from Calif.; Red Cross returnees. Everyone is invited to attend. In case of rain, Interior Auditorium, same time.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

This is the time of year for tennis, golf, bicycling, boating and many other activities on which your contact officer has information.

## U.S.D.A. SPANISH CLUB

If you like to speak Spanish you are invited to join the Spanish Luncheon Group which meets on Wednesdays at noon in room 6962. Make your reservations by calling Mrs. Burdette, ext. 4323.

The one requirement of the club is that you speak only Spanish while at the luncheon. There is always an interesting speaker at each meeting.

## PORTUGUESE CLUB

A Portuguese Luncheon Group similar to the Spanish Group is tentatively scheduled to have its first meeting in room 6962 on July 2. Persons who speak Portuguese are cordially invited to make reservations. Call A. H. Lester on ext. 2148.

## CLUB de las AMERICAS

The Club de las Americas, composed of Spanish speaking Government employees meets each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. The purpose of the group is to become better acquainted with Latin-American affairs and languages.

On June 15 at 8 p.m. at the Interior Auditorium Señor Victor Gutierrez will speak on the "Modern Puerto Rico". There will also be a film on the sugar cane industry of Puerto Rico. All Spanish speaking people are cordially invited to attend this and subsequent meetings of the group. Watch bulletin boards for further information or call A. H. Lester, ext. 2148 or G. R. Stewart, ext. 4916.

BUY WAR BONDS



## ELECTION (con't from p. 1)

bureau efficiency rating committees usually hear and settle appeals, but there is also a top Efficiency Rating Board of Review to which employees may appeal.

On Tuesday, June 12, employees will vote for the employee member to serve on the Board of Review. Petitioning for candidates ended May 30. Named on nominations signed respectively by at least 50 employees were Frank P. Abbott (OL), Harry S. Burke (CCC), Virgil L. Couch (FSA), Robert C. Davenport (CCC), Tyler F. Haygood (BAE), Richard A. Hollis (Inf.), French M. Hyre (Washington Office, FCA), O. V. Powell (OMS), Amedee J. Valentine (CCC), Richard J. Walker (CCC), Joseph H. White (Sol.).

To win the election one of these employees must receive one-third of all the votes cast on election day. Otherwise, a run-off election will be held.

The person elected has the responsibility of assuring appellants to the Board of Review fair and impartial consideration. Retiring as the member whom employees elected to represent them last year is Francis J. P. Cleary, Chief of Inquiries and Distribution Service of the Office of Information.

Location of the ten places where votes may be cast in the Department on June 12, will be given in the instructions for voting to be distributed to all dept'l employees.

## WANT RIDES

Miss Schmidt, 1768 Lyman Place, N.E., ext. 2971

Miss Chapman, 1701 Monroe St., N.E., ext. 5232

Miss Musial, 1308 Kenilworth Ave., N.E., ext. 2253

Mrs. Barry, 1804 N. Cleveland St., Arlington, Va., ext. 2890

Mrs. Ostaff, 1019 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, Md., ext. 4453

Miss Gelbman, 627 Alabama Ave., S.E., ext. 5454

Mrs. Graham, 3100 Connecticut Ave., N.W., ext. 4195

Miss Shanker, 1401 G St., N.E., ext. 3250

Miss Horstmann, 1855 Irving St., N.W., ext. 3291

Mrs. Lund, Clinton, Md., ext. 3357

## WANTS ROTATER

Mr. Chapline, Reno Road and Albenarle, N.W., ext. 3648

## WANTS RIDER

Miss Kaplan, 4913 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Md., ext. 6380

## WANTS RIDE OR ROTATER

Mr. Kelly, 909 Heron Drive, Silver Spring, Md., ext. 3149

## WANTS RIDERS OR ROTATERS

Mr. Aiton, University Lane and Coleville Road, ext. 5853

## MEMORIAL DAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Agriculture employees showed once more their generous nature by contributing \$424.53 to the G. A. R. Memorial Day Corp. for decorating service graves on Memorial Day.